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IN RE: Petition for Rulemaking: Powhatan, Virginia

Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith, in original and four copies, is a petition for rulemaking requesting the assignment of the first FM service to the community of Powhatan, Virginia.

Should questions arise in connection with this proposal, please contact our consultant:

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Regards,


David Layne, Petitioner

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Before the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20554

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING Section 73.202 (b) Powhatan, Virginia
Add: Channel 263A

TO THE COMMISSION:

Comes now David Layne (hereinafter "LAYNE") as petitioner in the above captioned matter, requesting assignment of FM channel 263A as the first FM service for the community of Powhatan, Virginia.

Powhatan is located near the Richmond, Virginia market area, and it appears the area is about to experience rapid growth. It is in the public interest to have a first FM service in the area. Attached is community data on Powhatan and the County of Powhatan, clearly showing the area is a viable location for the proposed station.

Careful engineering analysis has determined that FM Channel 263A can be assigned to Powhatan in full compliance with all regulations of the Commission. Attached hereto is a study showing compliance with spacing requirements/1. The proposed station, from the reference co-ordinates, will place the required signal level over the community of Powhatan... see attached coverage map.

Layne is interested in establishing a radio service for Powhatan, and if allocated Layne will file a timely application for the facility. If granted, Layne will construct and place in operation without delay.

Considering this is the first FM service, that the channel is available, and that Layne is ready, willing, and able to place the facility in operation, it is in the public interest that the following action be taken:

Powhatan, Virginia Section 73.202(b) Add Channel 263A

Respectfully,



David Layne


1/ Channel 263A at Powhatan is at 37° 38' 00" NL
77° 59' 32" WL

I certify the enclosed petition and exhibits are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



David Layne

Personally appeared and sworn before me, this the 3 day of July 1996
Notary Public My Commission expires MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
FEBRUARY 3, 1997



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ENGINEERING STATEMENT:

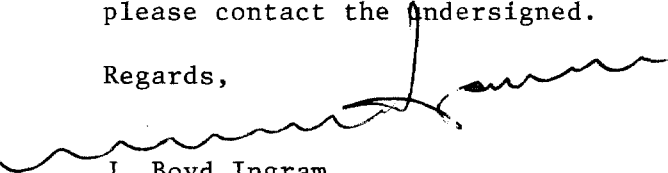
I, J. Boyd Ingram, prepared the enclosed technical exhibits in support of assigning FM Channel 263A to Powhatan, Virginia.

The proposal meets all spacing requirements of the Commission, and will comfortably place the required 70dBu signal over the entire community of Powhatan.

I have practiced before the Commission since 1958...my qualifications, therefore, are a matter of Commission record.

Should questions arise in connection with this proposal, please contact the undersigned.

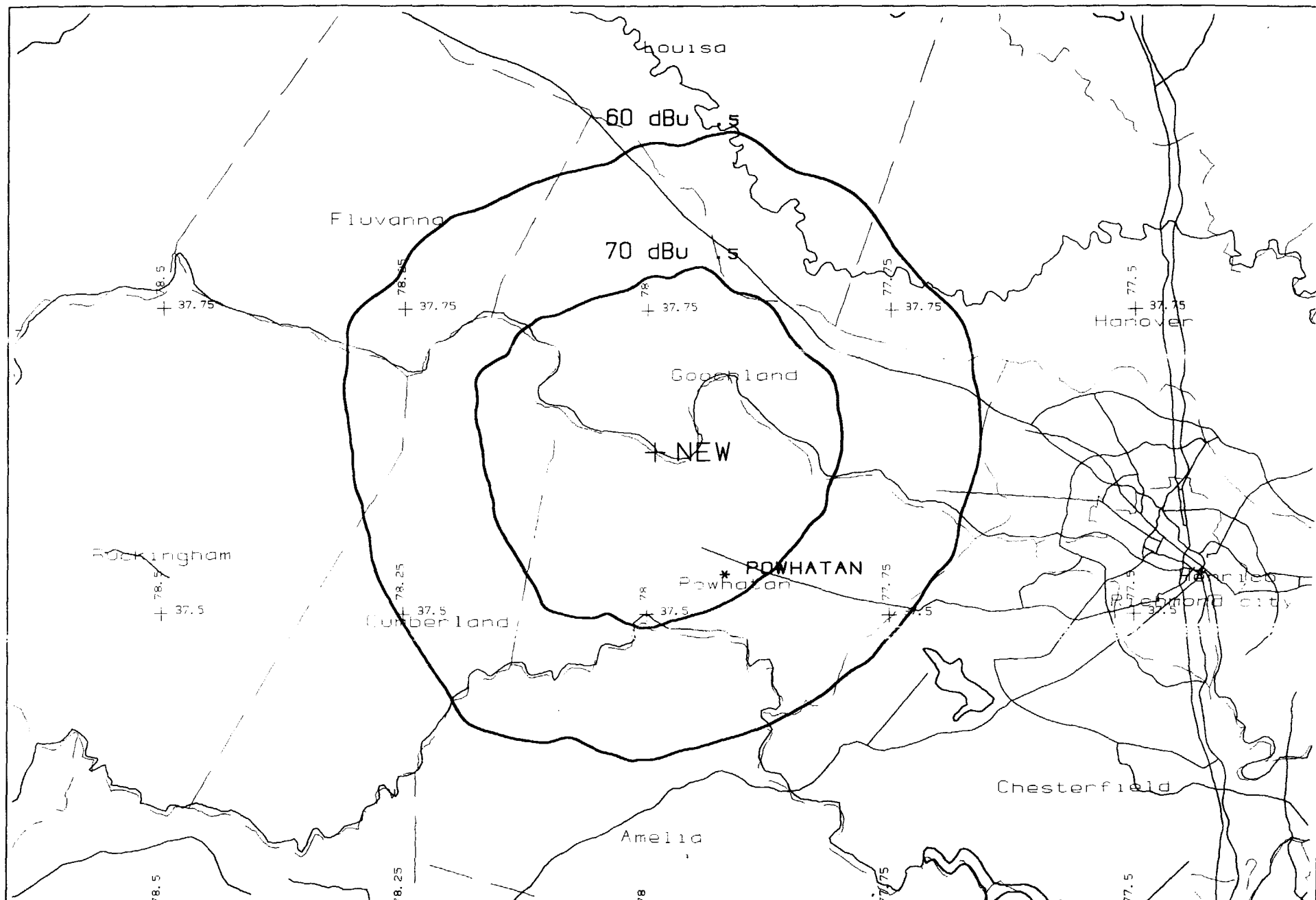
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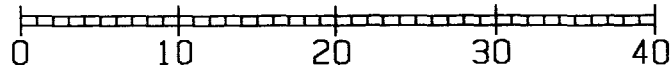
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Scale in km



NEW 263 6kW

N. Lat. 37 38 00

W. Lng. 77 59 32

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POWHATAN

REFERENCE		CLASS A	DISPLAY DATES
37 38 00 N			DATA 05-31-96
77 59 32 W	Current rules spacings		SEARCH 06-06-96
----- CHANNEL 263 -100.5 MHz -----			

CALL	CH#	CITY	STATE	BEAR'	D-KM	R-KM	MARGIN
WSOJ	262A	Petersburg	VA	134.1	73.10	72.0	1.10 <
WCMSFM	263B	Norfolk	VA	119.0	181.83	178.0	3.83
WQPO	264B	Harrisonburg	VA	318.9	121.39	113.0	8.39
WSMJ.C	266A	Richmond	VA	107.1	44.78	31.0	13.78
DE266	266A	Richmond	VA	107.1	44.78	31.0	13.78
WYFJ	261A	Ashland	VA	73.8	45.56	31.0	14.56
DE266	266A	Richmond	VA	100.6	47.78	31.0	16.78
AD266	266A	Chester	VA	119.1	57.11	31.0	26.11
WTRG	264C	Rocky Mount	NC	184.0	200.44	165.0	35.44
WBIGFM	262B	Washington	DC	27.8	158.95	113.0	45.95

OVERVIEW OF POWHATAN, VIRGINIA

TOPOGRAPHY

Powhatan, located in the Central Piedmont physiographic province, has 272 square miles (174,080 acres) of gently rolling land area and four square miles of water area. Elevations range from 150 feet to 400 feet above sea level. The entire area lies in the James River Basin.

CLIMATE

Temperatures average 57.7 degrees annually; annual average rainfall is 44.07" and annual average snowfall is 3.75". Prevailing winds are from the south.

NATURAL RESOURCES

There are 127,162 acres of commercial forest land. Water is plentiful, with the James River and the Appomattox River flowing through the county.

Powhatan is underlain by igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks, with commercial quantities of monazite, graphite and asbestos.

AGRICULTURE

There are 212 farms in Powhatan County (January 1993). The average acreage per farm is 272. Principal crops include corn, soybeans, small grains, hay and tobacco. Primary livestock includes cows (dairy and beef), poultry and horses.

GOVERNMENT

Powhatan has a five-member Board of Supervisors form of government. Elected every four years, the board is responsible for the policies of county government. Those supervisors are:

Robert R. Cosby
Chairman of the Board
District 3
598-3864
Robert E. Speas
Vice-Chairman
District 2
794-4044
Roy Harrison
Supervisor
District 1
794-9432

R. Lee Ware
Supervisor
District 4
598-4539
Margaret Manning
Supervisor
District 5
598-3478

The County Administrator oversees the daily operation of the county.
Steve Owen
County Administrator
598-5611

Police protection is provided by a sheriff and eleven deputy sheriffs; nine state police officers are assigned to the area. A fire department with 90 volunteers provides fire fighting capability. The county has adopted a comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance.

POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Approximately 17,000 people live in Powhatan. The projected population for the year 2000 is 20,900. The county's economy is centered around manufacturing, mineral extraction, lumber and banking. The civilian labor force totals 6,139, with an unemployment rate of 5.8% (July, 1992).

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Powhatan Youth Athletic Association, the Powhatan Recreation Advisory Committee and the Powhatan Soccer Association provide recreational activities for people of all ages. The county owns several softball fields and a soccer field. There are also playgrounds and athletic fields located at the county's three public schools. The Powhatan Wildlife Management Area (4,991 acres) under the jurisdiction of the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries provides hunting and fishing. There is one public library with approximately 12,000 volumes.

EDUCATION

Powhatan public schools include elementary, middle and high schools, as well as a vocational school. Operation of the public schools is the responsibility of the Powhatan County School Board, and the division superintendent implements policies.

The school board office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. School board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Powhatan County School Board Meeting Room. Dr. Margaret S. Meara is Division Superintendent and members of the school board are: Willis Funn, David Robinson, Heinrich A. Gideons, Octavia Lewis and Dr. John Sperry. Wanda T. Hagy serves as the clerk. The Powhatan County School Board is located at 2320 Skaggs Road 598-5700 or 794-4913. The county also offers private schooling. Each school provides bus service. Also offered are adult education courses and community college courses taught during the evening.

MEDICAL SERVICES

In addition to the county health department, ambulance and rescue services are available from the Powhatan Volunteer Rescue Squad. Dental and medical care are available locally, and hospitals in Richmond provide the county with excellent medical facilities. Area hospitals and their emergency numbers are: Johnston Willis Hospital (330-2273), Chippenham Hospital (320-3911 ext. 5131) and Henrico Doctors' Hospital (medical: 289-4500/emergency: 289-4600). The county's health department provides immunizations, family planning, home-health care, maternity care and well-child care.



*Powhatan County
Public Schools*

THE MISSION

The mission of the Powhatan County Public Schools is to provide the environment where each student is able to reach his or her fullest potential. It is recognized that true learning can take place only in an atmosphere of encouragement, respect, and academic challenge.

Inherent in this mission is the recognition that each student is a unique individual capable of becoming a productive member of society. It is the responsibility of the employees of this school division to guide, nurture, and encourage each student toward this goal. In doing so, all employees, and especially members of our academic community, are accountable for the achievement of the students who are enrolled in this school division.

Academically Challenging Environment
Equal Opportunity Employer